



Department of State
DECLASSIFIED

TELEGRAM

UNCLASSIFIED

AM: 0810148-0067

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 ISLAMA 03966 291009Z
ACTION NEA-07

INFO OCT-01 ADS-00 INR-10 EUR-12 SS-15 CIAE-00 ICA-15
DODE-00 IO-15 NSC-05 NSAE-00 HA-06 PH-09 PA-02
SP-02 SPRS-02 /101 W
-----267714 291011Z /21

P 290924Z MAR 81
FM AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 3890
INFO ANCONSUL KARACHI
ANCONSUL LAHORE
ANCONSUL PESHAWAR
AMEMBASSY KABUL
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW
AMEMBASSY LONDON
AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI
CINCPAC HONOLULU HI
USMISSION USUN NEW YORK

UNCLAS ISLAMABAD 03966

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

E.O. 12065: N/A

TAGS: PEPR SREF XD UR

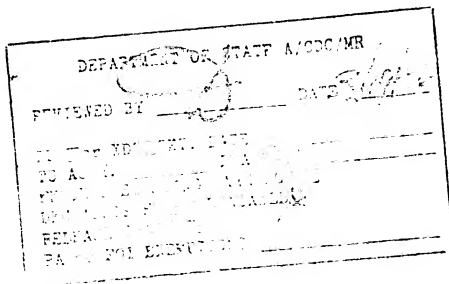
SUBJECT: (U) PRESIDENT ZIA-UL-HAQ ON AFGHANISTAN

1. IN ADDITION TO COMMENTING ON PAK-US RELATIONS
IN HIS MARCH 27 MEETING WITH BRITISH JOURNALISTS IN TOWN
FOR THE VISIT OF BRITISH FONSEC CARRINGTON (ISLAMABAD
3988), PRESIDENT ZIA-UL-HAQ ALSO GAVE CONSIDERABLE
ATTENTION TO THE AFGHANISTAN ISSUE. ACCORDING TO THE
"PAKISTAN TIMES" COVERAGE OF HIS REMARKS, ZIA REAFFIRMED
PAKISTAN'S CONTINUING COMMITMENT TO A POLITICAL SOLUTION
AND INDICATED THAT PAKISTAN IS "NOT READY TO SERVE AS
A CONDUIT FOR THE SUPPLY OF ARMS TO THE AFGHAN
FREEDOM FIGHTERS." ZIA STATED THAT THE GOP IS IN TOUCH
WITH THE SOVIET UNION WITH REGARD TO A SOLUTION AND IS
UNCLASSIFIED
UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 ISLAMA 03966 291009Z

ALSO PURSUING THE MATTER THROUGH THE UN.

UNCLASSIFIED



DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

2. ZIA ALSO CALLED UPON THE FREE WORLD TO CONTINUE EXERTING PRESSURE ON MOSCOW "TO THE EXTENT THAT THEY (THE SOVIETS) START FEELING THOSE PRESSURES." PAKISTAN, HE ADDED, MUST LEARN HOW TO LIVE WITH THE SOVIETS AS ITS NEIGHBOR BECAUSE "THIS IS A REALITY OF LIFE."

3. AS FOR PAKISTANI POLICY, ZIA REITERATED THE FOUR FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES WHICH WOULD CONSTITUTE AN ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION TO THE AFGHAN SITUATION: (A) WITHDRAWAL OF SOVIET TROOPS; (B) RESTORATION OF AFGHANISTAN'S ISLAMIC AND NONALIGNED STATUS; (C) RETURN OF THE AFGHAN REFUGEES TO THEIR HOMELAND; AND (D) PROVISION FOR THE AFGHAN PEOPLE TO CHOOSE THEIR OWN SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT.

4. ZIA ONCE AGAIN ASSERTED THAT PAKISTAN'S HELP TO THE AFGHAN REFUGEES IS PURELY HUMANITARIAN. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION HE ALSO DENIED THAT CHINA WAS PROVIDING ANY MILITARY AID TO THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS. HE THOUGHT THE FREE WORLD COULD BE OF GREAT HELP TO THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS IF THE SOVIET UNION CAN BE MADE TO REALIZE THE PRICE OF WHAT IT HAD DONE IN AFGHANISTAN. ZIA ADDED THAT HE IS NOT SATISFIED WITH THE LEVEL OF WESTERN AID FOR THE REFUGEES BUT SAID HE IS ENCOURAGED THAT PEOPLE ARE NOW BEGINNING TO SEE THE TRUE DIMENSIONS OF THE PROBLEM.

5. KABUL MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.
HUNNEL

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED